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SUBJECT: CISCO II

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1. IN A MEETING TODAY (FEB 9 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL FAISAL AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF THE PLF IN ERITREA. THE AMBASSADOR THANKED PRINCE SAUD FOR THE EFFORTS THE SAG HAD EXPENDED, NOTED OUR GREAT INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED THAT THE PLF NOW SEEMS INCLINED TO RELEASE THE MEN. HE HOPED PASSAGE OF CAMPBELL AND HARRELL TO JIDDA VIA SUDANESE TERRITORY COULD BE ARRANGED.

2. PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT THE SAG WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS AND THAT HE HOPED THE TWO MEN WOULD BE RELEASED IN JIDDA SOON.

3. COMMENT: PRINCE SAUD HAS BEEN TRAVELING AND OUT OF TOUCH WITH HIS MINISTRY FOR SOME TIME AND HAS ONLY TODAY BEEN BROUGHT UP TO DATE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. HE
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SEEMED GENUINELY INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF THE

TWO MEN BEING RELEASED IN JIDDA. WE WILL FOLLOW UP AT THE
WORKING LEVEL FEB 10.
PORTER

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